



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Memorial Day "96,"
29 May – 1 June
- Desert Talon, June
- Independence Day
"96," 2 – 5 July
- Labor Day "96,"
4 – 7 September

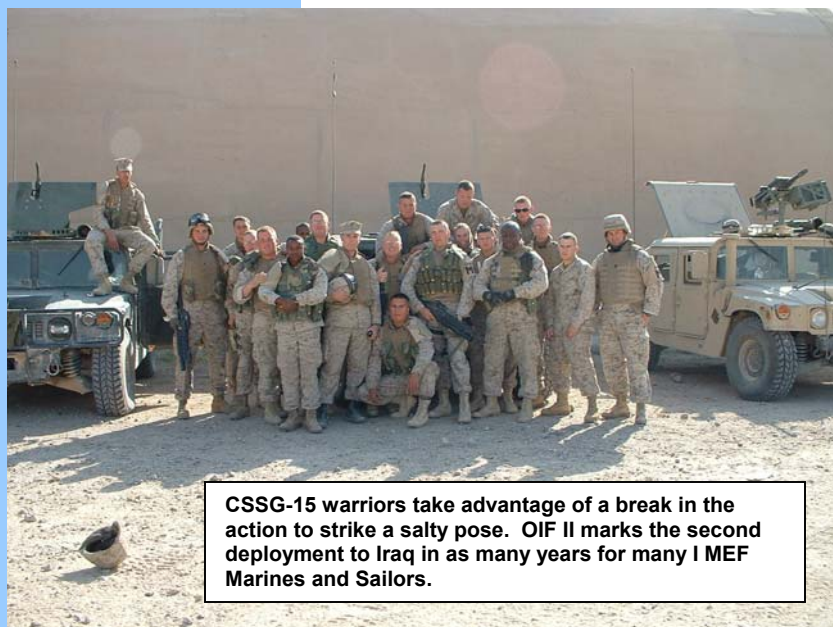
A Note from the Commanding Officer

CSSG-15 MARINES AND SAILORS ARE GETTING THE JOB DONE

Greetings on behalf of all of your CSSG-15 Marines and Sailors! You should be proud of the courage and dedication demonstrated by your loved ones as they face the difficult task of supporting their fellow Marines and Sailors in a hostile environment. They are performing

splendidly! As I'm sure you are already aware, the situation across Iraq, and particularly in the Sunni Triangle, is very tense. I will not sugarcoat for you the dangers that exist. Having said that, I will tell you that we are evaluating every mission and task assigned in an effort to ensure it is accomplished in the safest and most prudent manner possible. We will accomplish the mission...the welfare of our fellow Marines and Sailors rests with the logistics and medical support we provide them.

We've had a couple of high-ranking officials take time to visit our area of Camp TQ. LtGen Conway, the CG of I MEF, visited last week. A few days after his visit, we hosted the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the SgtMaj of the Marine Corps. All guests were extremely pleased with what they saw and left confident that CSSG-15 was fully able and ready to provide the logistics support needed by I MEF. The Commandant posed with a lot of our Marines and Sailors for pictures; hopefully, some of you will see your loved ones shaking hands with the Commandant.



CSSG-15 warriors take advantage of a break in the action to strike a salty pose. OIF II marks the second deployment to Iraq in as many years for many I MEF Marines and Sailors.

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BEWARE IDENTITY THEFT

During March of 2004, families reported forged checks affecting deployed service members' accounts. Recent reports indicate similar occurrences affecting service members deployed from the East Coast. Marines and Sailors (or their families or Power of Attorney holders) may notice unauthorized charges to their bank accounts by check, debit card, or ATM, or may notice unauthorized credit

Living conditions aboard Camp TQ remain comfortable. We've billeted as many as possible inside the few remaining hard structures aboard the base, which were spared destruction from the past war. Those who aren't in hard structures are in tents reinforced with walls of sandbags for protection. All billeting is air-conditioned. Although the weather has remained mild so far, that air conditioning will definitely come in handy around here shortly. Everyone

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MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following Marines **promoted during April** to the rank indicated:

H&S Co: LCpl Trimble, Daniel S.; PFC Jacobo Jr, Salvador.; PFC Curtis II, Ross J.; Cpl Cahue, Angel.; SSgt Green, Quentin A.; LCpl Romanlopez, Fernando; and Cpl Teixeira, Michelle M. **Supply Co:** LCpl Jensen, Marcus D.; PFC Lopez, Leighton L.; PFC Sim, Roberto A.; SSgt Muro, Gloria J.; Cpl Arevaloscardenas, Guadalupe.; LCpl Bastida, Robert L.; Cpl Gutierrez Jr, Miguel.; LCpl Martinmaas, Christophe S.; LCpl Mayoya, Frank R.; LCpl Melendez, Jason D.; LCpl Murphy, Gary E.; LCpl Paul, Maria R.; and LCpl Thomas, Satheesh. **MedLog Co:** GySgt Jerry, Mark A. **RMC:** Sgt Allen, Bradley L.; Cpl Crellin, Daniel V.; LCpl Gold, Joseph V.; Sgt Segovia, Angel.; Cpl Underwood, Christophe M.; and LCpl Fojtik, Justin M.

"Welcome Aboard" to the following **recently joined** Marines and Sailors:

H&S Co: PFC Arguello, Jonathan M. on 5-Apr-04; Cpl Guardiola, Roger on 5-Apr-04; PFC Jacobo, Salvador on 14-Apr-04. **Supply Co:** Sgt Arroyolugo, Jose D. on 1-Apr-04; LCpl Bolanosoto, Loepoldo on 5-Apr-04; LCpl Brown, Timothy M. on 5-Apr-04; PFC Rodriguez, Christopher M. on 5-Apr-04; PFC Aguilera, Brian S. on 7-Apr-04; PFC Bravo, Sergio E. on 7-Apr-04; LCpl Diepstraten, Gerald K. on 7-Apr-04; SSgt Ebanksrivera, Omar M. on 7-Apr-04; Cpl Relf, Earl on 7-Apr-04; Pvt Holman, Patricia M. on 13-Apr-04; Pvt Perkins, Melissa on 13-Apr-04; PFC Romero, Varinea A. on 13-Apr-04; LCpl Stubblefield, Zelnkia L. on 13-Apr-04; and Sgt Tung, Jania Y. on 13-Apr-04. **MedLog Co:** HMC Locsin Rodolfo P. on 14-Apr-04. **RMC:** GySgt Esquerra, Bernardo M. on 2-Apr-04; and LCpl Quintero, Jorge on 5-Apr-04.

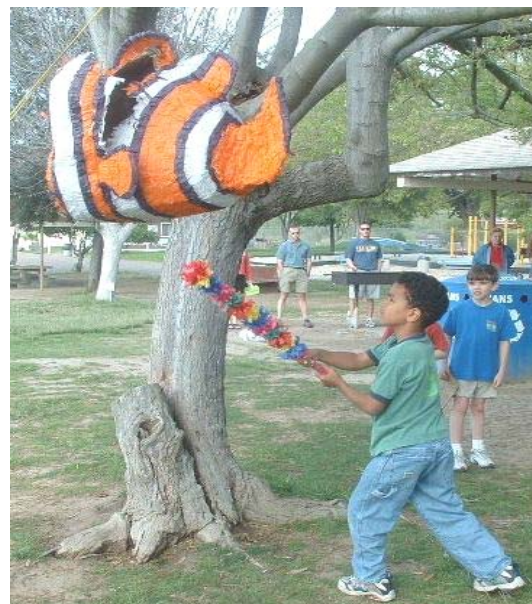
Key Volunteer News

EASTER PARTY MARKED BY GOOD WEATHER AND GOOD SPIRITS

On Sunday, April 4, 2004, CSSG-15 celebrated Easter with a party for the families of the deployed Marines. The party was held at Lake O'Neill, with hamburgers, hotdogs, side dishes and desserts.

There were plenty of activities planned. First was the Easter egg hunt. The little ones had a 30-second head start before the bigger kids were let loose. Everyone had lots of plastic eggs with goodies in their baskets by the time the hunt was over. Next was the Nemo piñata. It took many good whacks, but when it finally broke, the children scrambled to pick up all the candy that fell out. Finally, hard-boiled eggs were dyed and many little hands went home dyed as well. Children received stuffed animals and goodie bags and adults received porcelain Easter gifts from Hallmark.

We all want to thank Paula Hernandez for organizing this year's CSSG-15



Easter party. We had a great time meeting other spouses and watching all the children spend a sunny Sunday at the lake.

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continues to have access to hot showers and the food in the mess hall has actually gotten better over time from what it was when we first arrived. We've received a few small buses and have begun to purchase some bicycles as alternate means of getting about the dispersed area we occupy here at TQ.

Spirits remain high across the unit. Everyone knows they are doing

something extremely important, and they are proud of their contributions. Thank you for the support you are providing your loved ones. Know that the positive attitude and support you provide makes all the difference in the world to those of us away from home. Keep it up and hang in there!

-- Col Kampsen

PS: I've attached a few digital pictures.

In Letters & Calls Home...

"Send something I can put in my water. Water got old real fast. Right now all they have for us to put in it is Gatorade.

-- LCpl Joshua Brock, RMC

Steve and I received a call this morning from Josh. He is doing fine from his message. He did say that he received the package that I sent him on April 1, and that everything was intact. He really has no storage area, so that everything he gets has to be small, edible within several days, or disposable.

-- Parents of LCpl Joshua Brock, RMC

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES!



Greetings! Or should I say, farewell! It has been an exciting tour serving CSSG-15 Marines, Sailors and their families. I will honor the time shared in counseling, scriptural teaching, baptisms, worship and friendship.

The time has come for my family and me to change duty stations—Norfolk, Virginia. We really do appreciate the friendship of the Key Volunteer Network and the Command support of ministry throughout

all of the companies and sections. Allow me to share with you these departing words:

"Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

I pray God's very best for you and your family.

-- Chaplain Mack

IDENTITY THEFT

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card charges. These are "red flag" signals that suggest **identity theft** may have occurred.

Service members should **immediately** take the following actions if they believe identity theft has affected them: (1) contact any of the three major credit bureaus (Experian, 888-397-3742; Equifax, 800-525-6285; Transunion, 800-680-7289), report the identity theft, and request copies of credit reports from all three bureaus; (2) immediately dispute suspicious transactions with the financial institution and submit to them the FTC's "Identity Theft Affidavit" – this affidavit is available at the FTC's website at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/> or from your local Legal Assistance attorney (**you have a limited time-window to dispute unauthorized charges if you wish to escape becoming liable for those charges, so immediate action is of utmost importance**); (3) immediately close the accounts you believe to be affected by identity theft; (4) file a police report with both local civilian *and* military authorities, making sure to get copies of the report for submission to creditors, to facilitate disputing charges, and as evidence of the crime; (5) report the incident to the FTC at 877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) and/or to the FTC's Military Sentinel at <http://www.consumer.gov/military/>.

For help protecting and defending yourself against identity theft during extended absences or deployments, contact your local Legal Assistance Office. Extensive information and educational materials on Identity Theft are made available on the FTC website at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/> and at <http://www.ftc.gov/>.

FYI

- A CSSG-15 convoy was attacked on 6 April, resulting in the **loss of mail** sent approximately 24-26 March. Consider re-sending mail if it was originally mailed during this timeframe.
- **OIF II Hotline: (866) 227-2708.** This hotline is intended for concerned family members seeking accurate information, useful resources, and helpful referrals **related to OIF II casualties**.
- **Healthy Share aboard Camp Pendleton has closed** due to concerns about the quality of food they were providing. The program's coordinator regrets the interruption in service and hopes it will soon be restored. Those who are still interested in participating may do so off base by calling Storehouse Community Church at (760) 966-0116, which is located at in Oceanside at 1007 Tremont St.
- In February 2004, **Personal Services Division changed its name** to Marine & Family Services. Marine & Family Services employs over 400 professionals, including certified counselors, administrators, and technicians, who aim to make service members and their families highly successful in life. For more information, contact the branch specific to your needs, or look to next month's newsletter for further detail.
- The **Family Child Care Program offers an alternative to center-based care**. Providers are trained, certified, and monitored by the program. They are qualified to offer childcare in their homes aboard the installation. For more information, contact Family Child Care at (760) 725-7631.